

NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

The church of the Brethren at Homer expect to hold a communion on the 6th of November. Commencing at 6 o'clock p. m. Every one is invited.

H. S. JACOBS.

Homerville, O., Oct. 21st, 1886.

After Oct. 23rd, my address will be for several weeks, Montana, Labette Co., Kans., care of Richard Arnold. About Dec. 1st, I may take a preaching tour through the more Eastern States.

W. J. H. BAUMAN.

To the brethren interested I will say that all those who desire to attend the Milford dedication, can get half fare on the Michigan and Wabash R. R., by applying at your station and let your agent know that you desire to attend the Milford meeting. Those coming off of other roads will get the same rates as those who lived on the W. M. C. R. R. line. I will try and get half fare on the Lake Shore also.

J. C. CRIFE,

Dowagiac, Mich. [two weeks.]

At the week's meeting we had here in June last, there were ten added to the church, and last month, at our love feast there were five more, making in all fifteen souls that were added to the North Solomon church since last June. Thanks be to God, and our desire and prayer is, that they may prove faithful. Our little church here has gone through some troubles and trials, but I believe it is all for the best. It goes to show who are willing to endure persecution, and willing to bear all things.

DANIEL SHOOK.

Downs, Kansas.

EDITOR EVANGELIST:—The Brethren at Edna Mills held their communion Monday evening, the 18th inst. We had a very enjoyable meeting. Several were at the Lord's table for the first time and we believe they felt the solemnity of the occasion. May our heavenly Father bless all and save us in his kingdom.

B. L. GORDON.

Middlefork, Ind.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—Our meeting at Louisville has come to a close. Bro. Cober was with us and delivered some very excellent sermons. We had our communion services on Thursday evening. It was a success for we felt that the Lord was in our midst. We are well pleased with brother Cober's work and our prayers are that God's blessings may follow him where ever he goes and that he may hold out faithful and accomplish a good work for the cause of Christ.

KATHERA L. WOLFE.

Louisville, O.

DEAR EDITOR:—I notice an article in No. 37 signed A Hebrew and Greek scholar, to which I could take many exceptions, but will not at this time, only ask our Greek scholar to look at the difference of the existence between good and evil, and then read careful so as to notice that when the word eternal is applied to good it is without beginning and without end, and when eternal is applied to evil it has a beginning and may have an end. Will our Greek scholar define the word death.

H. E. FAIDLEY.

Burr Oak, Kans.

Notes by the Way.

Held a two weeks' meeting at Pike meeting house; closed with five additions, making ten since Sept. 1st.

Our communion was held Oct. 10th, and it was truly a feast of love. Bro. Daniel Crofford, of Johnstown, preached us an able sermon at 10 a. m., and brother W. A. Adams, of Conemaugh, preached at 4 p. m., and officiated in the evening. Come often Brethren; we love your company and enjoy your soul-stirring sermons of love.

On Oct. 11th, in company with Eld. J. W. Reighart and others, we repaired to the home of sister Albaugh and held a private communion, and it was a delightful service to see two sons, two daughters and one son-in-law commune with mother, in her afflicted and aged condition. May God be very gracious to her in her affliction is our desire.

Our next battlefield will be at Baker's Furnace. We have been throwing an occasional bomb along the line this summer and Bro. Sol. Strayer, Aaron Stutsman and Daniel Stutsman have consented to act as sentinels and by the help of God we shall carry the flag right into the heat of battle with the inscription: *Man a sinner, Christ a Savior*, and we feel confident that good will result and captives be liberated from the prison-house of a sinful state and condition. Pray for our success.

SMOUSE.

Vinco, Pa., Oct. 13, 1886.

Nickerson, Kansas.

The Brethren Church convened Oct. 16th at 3 o'clock p. m. for church council. The membership was found to be in love and peace. The church business before us was disposed of in that loving spirit characteristic of God's children, after which, an election for the office of Deacon was held by the church with the assistance of Bro. J. H. Fishel, from Little River, which resulted in the choice of our dear brother John H. Lauver, who was duly instructed and manifesting a willingness to serve as God would give ability, was installed with prayer and the laying on of hands as in Acts 6:6. Our brother was installed with privilege to preach and baptize, we being unable to find an intermediate degree of ministry between Deacon and Elder, taught in the Gospel. Thus another rut of tradition is left behind us. And we hope our dear brother, filled with the Holy Ghost, will go boldly out into the great Harvest of souls, and win many stars for his crown of rejoicing.

On Saturday evening and on Sunday and also on Sunday evening, I was happy to listen to the discourses of Bro. J. H. Fishel, delivered in an impressive way to large and attentive audiences. Returned home on Monday 18th, and am now, (the 20th,) confined to my room with malarial fever, but hope to avoid a protracted illness. Brethren pray for us.

JACOB W. BEER.

Scots Ford, Va.

Brother McFaden came here to Sunnyside to hold a revival on the 30th of Sept.; but did not commence preaching until Saturday the 2nd. He wielded his sharp, two edged sword every night until Thursday evening the 14th. Present results, five pec-

ious souls gave their hearts to Jesus and were "buried with Christ in baptism," and arose "to walk in newness of life."

We had a good meeting, fair congregations and could we have continued longer we believe more could have been done. Brother McFaden is a bold, fearless Christian minister. He is not afraid to declare the whole counsel of God. If we had all such bold advocates of the truth we could "turn the world upside down." But some could not endure the truth. They had large tender corns on their feet and as soon as brother Mack would touch them, O how they would cry out. We presume that they thought their craft was in danger, and if they would leave this man go all men would believe him. They began to circulate falsehoods, saying "small congregations, no interest, every body to go to hell but them" and many other such untruths. They would tell such things to people that were not at our meetings and even went so far as to publish some of them in a county paper. But the Lord is working. People are seeking the need of gospel-alone-doctrine. We believe a bright future is before us and by hard labor, trusting in God, we will soon trample under foot the traditions of men and hoist the gospel banner all over Old Va. May God speed the day.

There were some of all denominations that acted like Christians and treated us kindly, and we believe and hope they will be blest for it. Only a few who acted so badly. Come again, brother Mack; we welcome you.

ISAAC D. BOWMAN.

A Short Ramble.

On the morning of Sept. 28th, I left home to fill an appointment in the lower part of this county (Preston,) at Locust Grove school house. On account of a heavy rain storm setting in that evening, we had no services. Next evening preached in the Guthrie school house to a large and attentive congregation. Next two evenings had appointments at Clifton Mills. On Saturday was conveyed from here to Bro. Gans' home, in the vicinity of the Grove church, where the brethren and sisters had made preparation to hold communion services. These services moved along quietly and orderly. A more orderly and a better behaved congregation I never had the pleasure of seeing. Two deacons were installed just before the evening services. Our meetings on Sunday were well attended, and attention good. On Monday, in company with (not a brother but ought to be,) Mr. Daniel Moser, I found my way back to Clifton Mills. Commenced meetings at this place on Tuesday evening, Oct. 5th, and continued until Wednesday evening, 13th, when we closed our services. Four were added to the brethren here, all by relation. Arrived home on Thursday evening, found all well.

Thanks brethren and sisters for your kindness, gifts, &c. Hope the favor of the good Lord will rest upon you all.

S. W. WILT.

Miami Valley Items.

We paid our usual monthly visit to Pleasant Hill last Saturday and Sunday. The great topic among the brethren there

is Bro. Mallott and the late protracted meeting. It is hard to tell at present what will be the result of that meeting. However this is no strange thing, for we find this to be the case wherever he has been.

We were sorry to hear that sister Dunkel of Covington had fallen from a chair and broken her arm. We trust, however, that by our next visit that she will have fully recovered, and that we shall have the pleasure of seeing her at her accustomed place in the house of God.

We were told too that sister Fox of the same place had a serious hemorrhage of the lungs last Saturday evening. Bro. and sister Fox have our sympathy.

There were over twenty cases of Typhoid fever at Pleasant Hill since our last visit. All but Bertha, daughter of Bro. and sister Heft have nearly or fully recovered their usual health. We hope ere this that she, too, will be convalescent.

On our way home from Pleasant Hill, we stopped at Lexington. We there met with the brethren and sisters at the meeting house. We had a very pleasant little business meeting. At the close of the meeting we baptized a young man. This was a very pleasant ending to a very enjoyable meeting.

There was something about this young brother that is worthy of praise and imitation. On our last regular meeting he came and requested baptism. He told me he was one of the young men that "came out" during Bro. Mallott's meeting here, but was unable to be baptized when the others were. This is a good feature and shows our young brother was in earnest. It is this feature of the circumstance that makes the record of the Eunich so interesting to me—that he requested baptism.

The Lexington Brethren have decided to hold a Lovefeast on Thursday Nov. 4. There will be meeting at 10 A. M. and 2 P. M. The feast to commence about sundown. We hope to see a good delegation from all the surrounding churches. Come brethren, and let us have an old-time all-day meeting.

Up to this evening (Thursday) we had anticipated enjoying the pleasure of meeting and hearing Bro. Garber, our editor, at Bear Creek, next Saturday evening—when this is read it will be last Saturday evening—but I have just been informed of an important meeting that the Brethren have appointed at Winchester on the same evening. Never mind Bro. Aaron, we will make up for it soon.

Next Sunday is what I call my "Home Sunday," and it comes around every two weeks. I call it sometimes my "easy" Sunday. We go to Sunday school in the morning and then preaching immediately afterward. This is at Farmersville. In the afternoon, meeting at Winchester, 7 miles distant. In the evening, meeting at Lexington 8 miles further, and then 8 miles home. The reason I call it my "easy" Sunday is because I am so near home, and I have not got such very long drives to make. The other two Sundays are my "Pleasant Hill" and "Little York" Sundays. The one 30 and the other 24 miles distant.

We expect our old friend and young brother A. A. Cober to

come, and hold a protracted meeting for us at Farmersville this winter. When we have decided on the time we will duly announce it so that those within a reasonable distance may attend, and enjoy the meetings with us.

On last Saturday morning, as I was starting on my trip to Pleasant Hill, and was driving around the corner of our house, Bro. J. P. Martin and Bro. Kistler from Logan County, stepped up before me. Unfortunately, as I had such a long trip ahead I could not enjoy the visit as I would have liked to. Although I thought I could not stay long, yet sitting in the buggy, nearly an hour and a half slipped pleasantly by before we knew it.

EDWARD MASON.

To Bear Creek and Dayton.

Last Saturday I went to Dayton to spend the following Lord's day with brethren. An appointment was made for me at Bear Creek, but my train was about two hours behind time, and I came in too late to do the speaking. Bro. J. P. Martin was on hand, and we are told, preached the people a very good sermon.

On Lord's day I preached at the Bear Creek church, in the morning, at the Still Water Union Chapel in the afternoon, and at Dayton in the evening.

The Bear Creek church is working on, and they have reason to feel encouraged and to be pushing vigorously on in the race. This was the first time I ever met the brethren in this house, and I formed several acquaintances that I had desired to make. Among these was the meeting with Abraham Beeghly. He has been a valuable worker in the Brethren cause, and a help to Ashland College, and I wanted to know him. But I am sad that his family is still afflicted with the typhoid fever.

During my stay, brother J. R. Denlinger was my keeper, and he made me very welcome, and his family entertained me very hospitably. He is superintendent of the Mission or Union S. S., held at the chapel referred to above, and it was the liveliest school I have attended this summer. Our brother is doing an excellent work in this school, and it is what the neighborhood needs. The Lord bless him in the work. The meeting followed the S. S., and the house was almost full of hearers. There were quite a number of bonnets, and I thought for once that I had a good number of German Baptists to speak to. But afterward I learned that the majority of them were only children of German Baptists who still wore the bonnet. Some were quite young, and the bonnets were so nicely made that I was almost taken captive by their beautiful appearance. If I may judge from appearance, the spirit caused several of the hearers to feel solemn, and I wished that I might stay there and hold a meeting of a few weeks duration.

Bro. Denlinger took me to Dayton, and the home of Samuel Kiehl. I desired to stop there to see sister Kiehl, who has been afflicted for some time. I was agreeably surprised to find her looking much better than I expected, and anticipate that her health will be fully restored, although it may be some time before the malaria which is the cause of her affliction, is removed from her system. May she be blessed with returning health that she can fill her place in the family and the church services as in the past.

The meeting in the old church was a spiritual feast. If the old house is a bone of contention in law, the spirit of God still comes in when his devoted children gather there to worship. An interesting congregation greeted us and we passed a pleasant hour together in worshipping God. Bro. E. S. Miller opened the service. I was glad to become acquainted with him and meet his family. I also was glad to meet others whose names I was familiar with.

Bro. J. P. Martin is still working in the Valley, although he does not make much noise.

Bro. H. Murr, a minister of the Bear Creek church, was also among the list of new acquaintances formed. He is a young man with considerable native talent, and we hope the Spirit will guide him in polishing this jewel that it may be valuable for the Master's use.

My association with Bro. Samuel Kiehl is always very pleasant and profitable in godly conversation.

A. L. GARBER.

Reputations.

We beg to say, that Bro. Holsinger's allusion to our late digression, is too strong. What was written does not say and can not imply that he lost in that way. It is a common occurrence in life for us to compromise the results of labor and sacrifice by wrong movements. A potter may take great pains to make a very beautiful vessel, and when it is about completed, by a false motion, its beauty is destroyed, then the results of his labor is compromised, while his reputation is not affected or in any way concerned. Compromising the results of labor and destroying character or reputation are widely different.

A. L. GARBER.

The earth is our workhouse, but heaven is our storehouse. This is a place to run in, and that is a place to rest in.

True religion is the poetry of the heart: it has enchantments useful to our manners; it gives us both happiness and virtue.